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MRS. GIBSON NO LONGER MYSTERY;
BORN IN HOBOKEN---SISTER FOUND

Married in 1894 to Frederick Kesselring of Secaucus, N.J., Who
Disappeared - Met William Easton in Trenton, N.J.

Mrs. Jane Gibson, the farmer woman of New Brunswick, N.J., who has told of seeing the Hall-Mills murder, is no longer a "mystery woman" as far as her family is concerned. Her life history as furnished by former neighbors and her sister, Mrs. Madeline Williams, No. 273 Avenue C, Bayonne, shows that she is not a native of Kentucky and has spent most of her life in New Jersey.

Mrs. Gibson was born in Hoboken fifty-two years ago and was named Mary Jane. She was the oldest of eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eisleitner. Her father was born in Hungary, came to America and worked as a baker in Hoboken, where he married Salome Muller. Eisleitner died twenty years ago and his widow, now sixty-eight, was married to Charles Cerrenner of Bayonne. They lived there at No. 339 Avenue A, but went to New Brunswick the day the murder was discovered.

Mrs. Gibson attended the public school at Third and Gardner Streets, Hoboken. She left school at the age of thirteen and two years later began work in a pencil factory at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue, Hoboken. She remained there a year and then rented a store in New Brunswick and raised chickens in the back yard. After six years she moved to Deans, a suburb of New Brunswick, and ran a vegetable farm.

In 1894 Mrs. Gibson went to Secaucus, N.J. and started a pig and chicken farm. There she met Frederick Kesselring, a cooper, and they were married in the same year. They had several children, all of whom died. Six months after the death of the last child, Kesselring disappeared and has not been heard from since.

Mrs. Gibson sold her farm in 1903 and moved to No. 47 Orange Street, Newark, where she ran a rooming house. She later moved to No. 61 Orange Street and finally obtained a private house at No. 47 High Street. She then sent for her mother, three brothers and two sisters. She helped support them by working in a dressmaker's shop in Market Street.

She left her family in 1906, went to Trenton and opened a second-hand furniture store, remaining four years. There she met William Easton, a mechanic. While in that city she adopted two children, a girl, Alice, and a boy, William.

In 1910 she and Easton moved to Bayonne and ran a poultry store at No. 187 Broadway. She then moved to No. 27 East First Street, Bayonne, and later to No. 273 Avenue C, where she lived with her sister, Madeline Williams. Easton and the children were with her and also a friend of theirs, believed to be William Whitaker of Trenton.